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EDITORIAL OPINION

HUMAN POWDER KEG

We agree with the opinion of a contemporary editor that people are still the greatest cause of war, instead of spectacular new weapons. We live in an explosive age, but the real danger is the shifts in trends among the teeming populations of the world.

We have said before and we say again that the dense population of Japan is a war potential. Today, Japan has some ten million more people on its sparse island area than it had at the time of Pearl Harbor. And Japan does not have the markets today it had in the explosive period then.

The evolution of Sotuheast Asia is a strident force of our times, and the sheer weight of the mass of people in that section and in India is a thing to watch.

A reborn Germany will demand, and eventlally get, reunion, and a place in world markets. And one knows that the Balkans are a sore spot of Europe. The Arab populations are rising to new consciousness.

One of the few spots still able to take care of population growth is South Ameria and Australia. Here are two tremendous land areas that may have to be used for expanding populations. Our own nation is headed toward 200 million population, and opinion is that this marvelous country can feed and support that great number of people.

In this day and time, people are more than ever aware of what their neighbors have in the way of material goods, and human nature sees to it that they demand a fairly even distribution. It is the old struggle for existence, but before a different and far more complex backdrop.

Our diplomats have a fearsome responsibility as they sit on a human powder keg more likely to explode than an atomic bomb.

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New York's traffic commissioner T. T. Wiley, says that to carry the trend any further would be "sheer madness." We agree, but realize sadly that Americans, when it comes to automobiles, are mad, impractical people who would drive New Cars the size of locomotives, low as pancakes, fast as guided missiles, if they could afford them.

—From The Boston Herald.

THE COURAGE OF HELEN KELLER

(The New York Times)

Helen Keller will be 75 years old next June. Since she was nineteen months old she has heard nothing and seen nothing. Yet she went through college, she has written brilliantly and continues to do so and she has never faltered, since she was restored to creative and conscious life by the late Anne Sullivan Macy, in her devotion to others who are blind or deaf and to all who suffer. Hundreds of wounded and mutilated soldiers remember her. All over the world she is known for the tenderness and the wisdom of her great spirit.

Now, at this advanced age, with her present faithful companion, Polly Thompson, she is setting out on a 40,000 mile trip to India, Pakistan, Burma, the Philippines and Japan. In the course of this trip she will do all she can to help the sightless, the deaf and the hard of hearing. Those who know her realize also that she will do all she can to help everyone who is in trouble and with whom she comes in contact. With her love of democracy and of freedom, and somehow these express themselves in her gestures and in her smile and in the words she speaks either with her own voice or with her fingers into other people's hands. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said of her the other night: "Everywhere you go you understand the needs of people, the sufferings they have gone through and what you can give them. All people are part of your family. Your great gift is being part of humanity."

There are many people in this world who have the will to help others and the ability to forget their own limitations and sufferings. Beyond that there is a quality of courage that enables a few gifted and benign souls to overcome their own handicaps and to give themselves to humanity and for humanity. This those of us who know Helen Keller find in her. Our hearts and our gratitude go with her on this journey.

GETTING AHEAD

(From Plainview, Texas, Evening Herald)

Even before the days when Horatio Alger books started getting around, the desire to get ahead was a well-respected quality. There never was anything wrong with the desire to move up from boiler room to executive suite .. from pushbroom and dust-pan to ulcers and 8 aspirins a day.

But out on concrete strips, the desire to get ahead is a horse of a different hue. Someone once summed it up in a nutshell: "If all the cars in the world were put end to end, 98 per cent of the drivers would immediately pull out of line to pass the guy ahead."

You've seen this special kind of insanity time and again—especially in a long, tight traffic line. If a certain, wildeyed type of character is gnashing his gears behind you, the gap ahead of your front bumper is bait he can't resist. There's a space ahead and he's got to grab it! He roars around like a Cherokee Strip homesteader and knifes in ahead of you ..and miles down the road he's probably still there smack in front of you, frothing and frustrated— and it'd take an Olympic stopwatch to clock the time he saved by passing you!

VIOLENCE ON TV

(Green Bay, Wisc., Press-Gazette)

The concern of many parents over frightening television shows reached Congress last fall but no decisive steps were taken. The truth is that there is very little the government can do except mutter about censorship which is enough to make most television managers shudder and check the pictures again. The fact remains that keeping a careful eye on television shows, just as it is on reading material, is a prime business of the parent.

Statistics show that there are actually a higher percentage of instances of violence on children's shows than on those aimed especially for adults. The networks in most cases police their productions far more thoroughly than do the package houses which deal mostly in old third string movies.

But child experts have been unable to reach agreement on the results of the bang-bang-you're-dead type of thriller.

We must suspect that much of the indignant criticism of the cowboy or spaceman children's shows is the result of the lack of esthetic value rather than a real fear of the violence. Disney's Monstro and snatches of Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea are actually more terrifying than the loudest western, but there have been no protests. Advocates of the British Broadcasting System say smugly that there "an unwelcome incidence of crime and violence is not a problem .... it's simply that the artistic standards of those working with children's shows won't permit the lavish tossing-in of such ingredients...."

Improved TV for children must come from public opinion. This may be exhibited by a group like COMBAT which can rationally discuss the problem and request better programs. TV managers must make a living but they are extremely sensitive to complaints and open to suggestions. They are defintely sensitive to evidence that parents have the courage to snap off the dial and send the kids out to play.

Those who turn to government for help must realize that the children of parents who don't care what the youngsters are watching don't much care what they are doing either. It is that group of children who are the most likely to snitch candy, cheat in arithmetic and try scalping somebody some day.

BETTER VALUE

(Selected)

The March issue of Fortune carries an item about retail prospects for the immediate future. Most retailers, it seems, expect a huge volume of business.

But this does not mean that retailers think moving merchandise will be an automatic or easy process ..or that he anticipated heavy consumer demand will make it possible for them to increase the small percentage of profit that they now get from each dollar of sales. Fortune says: "There is very little disposition to add to markups." Competition is keen so the policy is "Increase the volume, watch the overhead.' Manufacturers are not raising their prices either."

This is good news to all consumers. More than that, it provides an excellent example of how the free enterprise system works. Our purchasing power is at or near an all-time high. Consumer buying of every kind of merchandise is running at enormous levels. Yet, vast as the consmption is, our production and distribution systems keep up with it as a matter of routine and in some cases exceed it. When that is the case no manufacturer and no seller can earn more than a moderate profit. For, if he tries to run his prices up, his competitors will undercut him and take away his business.

In the last two years, prices in general have been exceptionally stable .. the indicators have varied only one or two per cent. At the same time, there has been significant improvements in a great many of the things we buy .. which is another result of intense competition. The consumer gets better value all the time.

'ROSE IS A ROSE IS A ROSE IS A ROSE'

(Christian Science Monitor)

Thierry Vaubourgoin is causing quite a stir in Paris. He is an artist, and has 45 of his paintings hanging in a gallery on the fashionable Rue Faubourg St. Honore M. Vaubourgoin has been painting for three years. The most unusual thing about him, perhaps, is that he is exactly ten years old.

Without seeing his work, one can be fairly sure that it is fresh, gay, and spontaneous, for being a child, he sees as a child. All the world is new and clothed in glistening dew. This is one reason why much of the painting and drawing done by our youngsters is such a joy. Whether it is the slanty crayoned house with the orange room and the purple chimney that comes home from kindergarten, or one of those whirly often sodden creations to emerge from the delight of a finger-pointing orgy, we see something in it that is special, artistic.

What is it? The modern master Henri Matisse put it one way: "An artist has to look at life without prejudices, as he did when he was a child. If he loses that faculty, he cannot express himself in an original, that is, a personal way."

He then went on to illustrate by describing the problem of painting a rose. He said that before it can be done the artist "has first of all to forget all the roses that were ever painted." Then he explained, he has taken the first step toward creation, which is seeing a rose as though he had never seen one before—as a child.

Painters like Matisse spend all their lives seeking to achieve and perserve the childlike approach that Thierry Vaubourgoin now has, which may be described in another way as peeling off layers of human experience to get to the idea behind the rose. Isn't this what Gertrude Stein was groping toward when she made that classic statement, "Rose is a rose is a rose is a rose."

A WOMAN WITH A SHARP TONGUE

(The Roanoke Times)

Lady Astor gets around so much it is hard to keep up with her. Her nimble mind also flits so fast from one subject to another, expressing itself in flashing phrases, that it is a little difficult to follow.

So here was our own Virginia-born Nancy making speeches to the Legislature of North Carolina and the legislators' wives in Raleigh. In tart words she touched on a variety of subjects.

She was so shocked last year when she noticed the comic books in Virginia that she took a bundle to Washington to have something done about them. She urged the ladies to "get those filthy comics out of North Carolina." Along with comics, she knocked radio and advertising as unattractive features of American life.

In further remarks she:

Put in a plug for the Bible:

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Thanked God she was n... (the Irish in this country, ... served, "are nothing to w... about"):

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Stated that she very much ... ed North Carolina's ... Hodges (a native Virginian):

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Said "I married beneath ... most women do" ("the m... of men, the more I think ... en;")

Reminded her audience ... loved her native Virginia.

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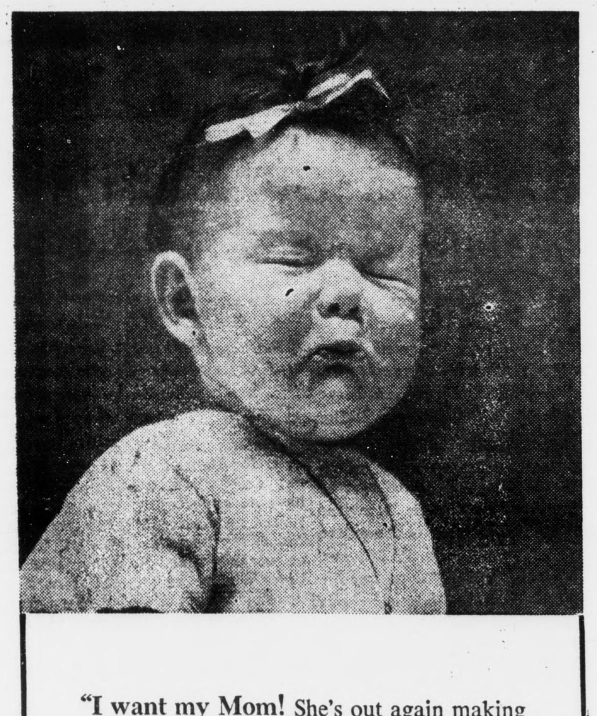

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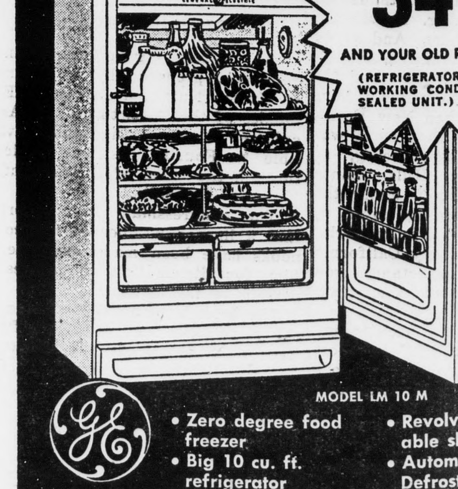

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Living in Health

Lesson for March 20, 1955

ASCARIASIS is the name of a disease. It is caused by colonies of small round worms, parasites, named Ascaris. A Christian medical missionary who operates a hospital in Korea writes: "Reducing the number of people who have this debilitating parasite from 99% to 38% in one year, in our leper colony, is something to shout about from the housetops of Korea. Ascariasis makes that sharp edge off a person so that he is dull; his ambition is dampened; his reflexes are sluggish, and his integrity is weak-ened. I sometimes feel that many of the attributes ... often blamed on the Devil may possibly be more accurately credited to the lowly round worm that lives in comfort inside of most Koreans." This is just one single illustration of something many Christians do not realize: that spiritual health, mental health and physical health all go together.

Dr. Foreman

...ing, Not Drifting

Christian living has many aspects. One of them is the importance of keeping a healthy body. Ascariasis seldom puts the patient in bed. Indeed the patient is seldom aware that anything is wrong with him, and yet his lack of ambition, his dullness of mind, his lack of dependability, may have their basis in his physical condition. So it is with all diseases, so it is with all physical inefficiency even when you can't quite call it a disease. It is a sin to be less healthy than you can be. It is (assuming you can help it) because your physical flabbiness leads to mental and moral and spiritual flabbiness too. This is not saying that every patient in a hospital is there because of his personal sins. But it is true that many of them are there precisely by their own fault. The point is, health of body is a Christian's responsibility, a duty he owes God, other men, and himself. And health of body will not come by chance, it will not come by drifting. It comes by doing. This is true of the whole Christian life, from bottom to top. Paul says to his converts: "Every one of you should learn to control his body, keeping it pure and treating it with respect, and never regarding it as an instrument for self-gratification." (I Thess. 4:4, Phillips translation.) Health begins in self-control comes only by working at

Purity Is Positive

It is true that the New Testament warns against spiritual sins quite as much as against physical sins, if not more so. But it is also true that there are plain teachings about virtues and vices of the body itself. Drunkenness, sexual sins of various kinds, are always marked out as spiritual dangers. Blessed are the pure in heart, that is true. But those who are pure in body are not pure in heart. Further, purity is not a negative thing. A virgin who had never touched a drop of liquor might yet not be pure. Repression of desire as the Bible knows and psychology on its own has also discovered,—sheer repression, with nothing to balance it, may be a bad thing. A driver was boasting about how he eliminated some distance on a certain route he took every week, and so saved three minutes on every trip. But he could not answer the question: What do you do with those three minutes? So purity of life mean more than not squandering our energies and wasting our health, in drink or otherwise; it means using the energy we save, as God would have it used.

Who's in Charge Here?

The key question for health—physical, mental, and spiritual—is, who is in charge here? Is your ... in charge of your mind, or is it the other way around? But which mind is in charge here? Your lazy, sleazy, shifty mind, content with ignorance, asking only to be amused (for you have such a mind), or the mind that aspires to higher things (for you have such a mind too). You carry with you all your life the mind of the brute, the mind of the child; but you have the right to a mature mind, to be mature. Who is in charge here, the brute, the child, or you? Above all, who is in charge of you? If the true answer to that last question is God, then the true answers to the others will be easier.

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Wait at least two weeks before planting anything in the treated soil since the fumigant is toxic to plants and germinating seeds. If the temperature during the two-week waiting period is low (below 60 degrees) or if there has been a lot of rain, increase the time lapse to three weeks.

Plant seed and follow your usual practices in caring for your garden or flower beds. If you have treated with fumigant as directed, you can be sure that whatever else may happen, you will not be bothered with nematodes.

VA. MAY TOP 4 MILLION

Virginia's population may approach or pass the 4,000,000 mark by 1960, the Census Bureau workers believe. The Bureau also ventured the guess that the head count may zoom as high as 4,382,000 by 1965. The next official census comes in 1960.

Wool Sales Slips Should Be Saved by Farmer

Keep your wool sales slips. That was the warning to wool growers from ASC Chairman C. S. Rush, if they want to receive payments under the incentive program for the wool marketing year beginning April 1, 1955. Wool sold before April 1, will not qualify under the program nor is wool shorn prior to January 1, 1955 eligible for payments under the program.

Mr. Rush explained that applications for payment under the new program will be made to county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation offices. Growers will be required to present sales slips and other evidences indicating the name of the producer and the buyer, date of sale and delivery, and amount of sale. This information will be needed to support the grower's claim for payment. For this reason it is highly important that all such documents be carefully preserved by the producer.

The program, he explains, results from the National Wool Act of 1954 to stimulate wool production in the United States. As authorized by this law the Secretary of Agriculture announced last fall an incentive price of 62 cents per pound for shorn wool, grease basis for the 1955 marketing year. Payments will be made to wool growers if the national average market price for wool for the marketing year beginning April 1, 1955 falls below the incentive level.

The Department of Agriculture also announced earlier this year a similar program for payments for wool on lambs sold for slaughter which would be a flat rate per hundredweight of live animals. The purpose of this program would be to guard against unusual shearing of animals prior to sale for slaughter.

The rate of payment to each grower is a uniform percentage needed to bring the average price all growers receive for their wool up to the incentive price level. This means that the more the individual grower gets for his wool the greater will be his total return.

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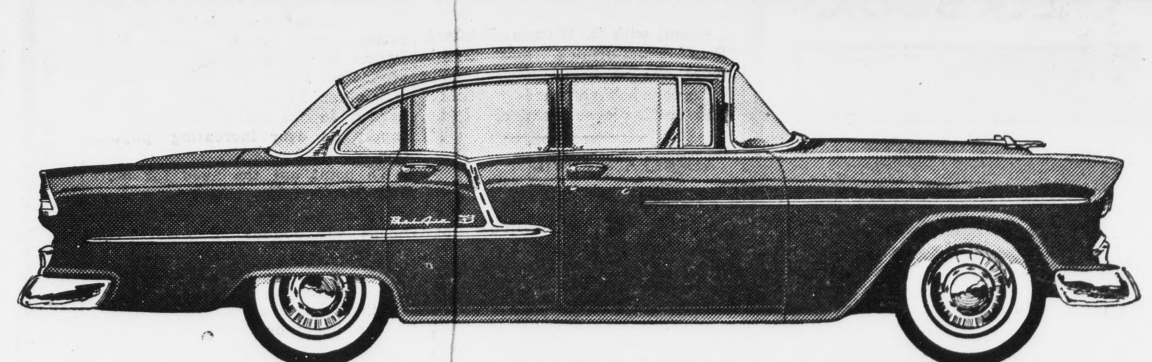

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